

Social Events.

Bloomington Leader: Miss Mattie Bachman entertained about fifty young people at her home last evening in honor of Miss Mattie Breckinridge of Decatur, and Miss Anna Mandel of Chicago, both attending in receiving. Dancing was the feature of the evening, music being furnished by the mandolin orchestra. Diversified novel games were also indulged in and prizes awarded to Miss Sturm of Clinton and Mr. Woerner of Peoria. The house was elaborately decorated with paper plants. Having enjoyed a most delightful repast the guests departed at the small hours of the morning, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

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POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE
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ONE NIGHT.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

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Commencing Friday morning, Jan. 23, we will sell all our new styles of Best Calicos at 5c. All of our Indigo Blues in best makes at 3½c. All our 7½ and 4½ Percales extra wide and heavy, at 3c, worth 10 and 12½c. All 6½ and 7c Ginghams at 5c. Cotton Planes, 4, 5, to 8 and 10c for the best.

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City ticket office removed from 110 Library Block to 131 East William street, directly across the street. New phone No. 28; Old, No. 48; Under 25c. Call on or address W. H. Hatch, Under Depot, or T. Penick, 121 East William street.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Doctor Plumbing and Heating Company will be held at their office on Monday, Feb. 12, at the hour of 10 a.m., for the transaction of the business of the company and other business as may come before said meeting.

W. H. ELWOOD, President.
G. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Feb. 8-1897.

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His Greatness Now Recognized in the South and North.

Why His Birthday, February 12, Is Being Given to Be Properly Commemorated in All Sections of the Country.

[Special Letter.]

The glorified of any nation are they who have made illustrious their country by words or acts which merit the crown of immortality. Ingratitude is by no means the characteristic of any people, but rather do they hold in cherished recollection, generation after generation, such as may have earned the noble distinction. Americans are assuredly not wanting in their duty towards those sons who have honored their land by contributing most to



LINCOLN IN 1857.

wards its glory and renown. Their names are household words, their memories are precious, and those who are most distinguished have special days set apart for commemoration of their services in behalf of the great republic.

As Washington bears the proud distinction of "Father of His Country," so Lincoln has the scarcely less honorable designation of "Preserver of the Nation." His almost superhuman efforts to perpetuate the union of the states it would be difficult to overestimate. Called to the office of chief magistrate at a time when human passions glowed like flames in a three-heated furnace; finding valorous and formidable foes in front and treacherous enemies in the rear, he assumed control of affairs with undaunted mind and resolute purpose to confirm national unity at any cost and at any sacrifice.

Not the suppression of slavery nor the punishment of transgressors was his supreme thought, but the maintenance of a single government, "of the people, for the people and by the people." To this end he was ready to yield up all things save honor and to stretch national credit to the limit of endurance, deep and broad, of infinite pathos, a sorrow that sometimes

Rugged as the oaks of his native woods, his tall and unattractive form concealed a heart that was ever touched with the spirit of his fellow man's infirmity. Keen and ever keen was his sense of humor, yet in his being was an undeviating, deep and broad, of infinite pathos, a sorrow that sometimes

All men of most tender sympathy and jealous for the preservation of human life, virtues so expressed that they became weaknesses, willingly, in the exercise of executive clemency towards individual offenders, he still realized that much blood would have to be shed and that many thousands of human beings must be sacrificed in order to the consummation of the object so dear to his heart.

Modest, as true greatness ever is, attentive to wise counsel and receptive of good advice, still was there never man less moved of senseless elation, or of unjust demand for executive favor. When, following the calamitous campaign of the summer of 1861, impatient agitators insisted that all slaves should be set free, he remained firm as the adamantine hills in his set purpose to consider, first, last and all the time, the preservation of the autonomy of the government. With ineffable decision he declared that he was ready to maintain it with slavery, if it must be so; or with partial slavery, if things so turned out, but that the one obligation

bordured on treason, and which, after the awful tragedy of his end, seemed to be a saddest forecast of his untimely demise. Yet with sublime selflessness he sought to conceal the bitterness of his own sad spirit. When the clouds were darkest in the southern sky and the hearts of unionists were most cast down, his were the cheery words which gave hope to the despondent and courage to the timid. Upon his weary shoulders rested the infirmity of all; yet no groan broke from him because of the weight of his burden. In patience he submitted to the errors of incompetent generals; without repining he heard the reproaches of his countrymen. Faithfully, loyally, unremittingly, he concentrated every energy upon the great issues before him, strengthened and nerve'd to his purpose by the sublime patriotism which so thoroughly permeated his nature. Himself sprung from that class of people whom he was pleased to call "plain," he thoroughly understood them as they understood him. Their appreciation of and confidence in him he never doubted, while their unfaltering, loyal support afforded him solace and strength in all the hours of his country's peril.

True to himself he lived; loyal to his word, earnest in his purpose, justly discerning what was right, vigorously rejecting what was wrong, his strong good sense and superb judgment never led him astray. Made chief of his party and his people in the greatest hour of his country's peril he was equal to every emergency called forth by the strife of a thousand fields of contest. So, too, he met and overcame the non-combatant enemies at the north and lived until all the foemen of his dear land were finally overcome, going home while the glad victor shouts over a reseeded and saved country were ringing in his ears.

A generation has passed since Lincoln was gathered with his fathers, and in the added light of the years that have passed he is seen as he should be seen and known as he should be known. Now no section can lay claim to him, but all portions of the land, former foes, as well as the defenders of the flag, unite in paying homage to the infinite genius of the man, whom no reverse could cast down, but whose loyal heart remained inflexibly true to its single purpose of preserving the union which the revolutionary fathers had sealed with their own precious blood.

WILLIAM ROSSER COBB.

Tense.

Wallace—I notice that Hargreaves isn't wearing his diamond.

Ferry—No. He pawned it last week "I wonder what he got on it?"

"Drunk."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Long Distance Telephone company opened its office in Peoria Tuesday, and those invited conversed satisfactorily with McKinley at Canton, as well as with New York and the eastern cities. The service was excellent, the voices being heard as distinctly as if only a few miles away.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These little pills never gripes. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The latest, or earliest, snake story comes from Hoopeston, where Joseph Jones claims to have found a bull snake forty-two inches long, crawling in the snow near his barn.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

It is said that some ice has been put up at Spring Lake for the club house at that place, which is 22 inches thick; thus far this is the thickest of the season, but at Peoria they cut 18-inch ice, which is as thick as can be conveniently handled.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

A strong attempt is to be made by the members of the legislature from Sangamon county to consolidate the supreme court at Springfield.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

W. B. Kunkel, aged 14, deaf and dumb, an inmate of the deaf and dumb asylum at Jacksonville, fell from the gymnasium gallery and was killed.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

In Peoria they claim that a flock of robins made their appearance Wednesday morning and seemed quite at home in the shrubbery in the suburbs.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such complaints take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Two hundred wagon loads of corn were delivered on Monday in the little village of Greenview.

Owing to hard times the price for shelling corn about Mackinaw has been reduced to from 80 to 50 cents a hundred bushels.

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SICK HEADACHE
Positively cured by these
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They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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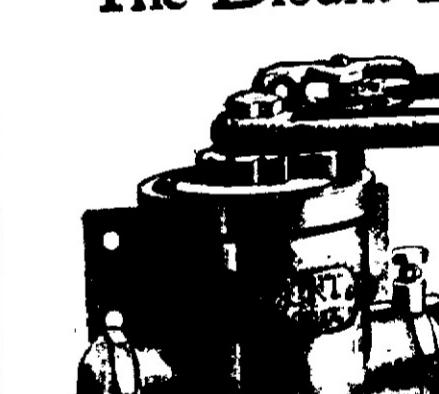
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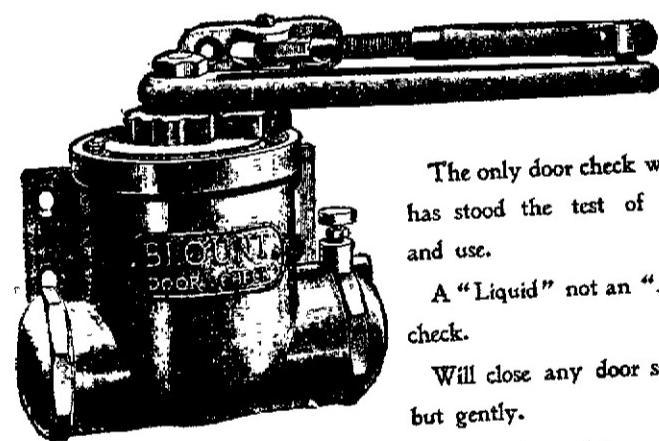
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LOCAL NEWS.

John Perl bought a handsome team of white horses at St. Louis a few days ago.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town, mch 25-dif.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 31st.

The Leonard assembly dance will be given tonight at the Armory.

Ladies' felt slippers, 50c at Folrath & Hardy's.—26-d&wif

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a.m.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 10 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dif

The Decatur Turners will give a grand ball on Wednesday night, Feb. 17, at the Turner hall.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a.m.

On Tuesday Lem Scott will go to New York City to take the leadership of the Primrose & West negro minstral band.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture. For sale by the Cerrodanice Co., 21 Syndicate block. Jan 16-dlm

About two inches of snow fell Sunday night. The big snow plow had to get out early this morning to clear the street car tracks. All branches except Edward street were open by 7 o'clock.

Lost—A dear little child who made

him happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house. One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for cough. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

There were thirty teachers from the country in the offices of County Superintendent Keller Saturday taking the first of a series of five examinations that are held each year.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Ian Culp, the old reliable seedsmen fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wif

A German woman from the northeastern portion of the city was arrested Saturday evening for stealing a pair of shoes from the Lion store. She was released on her own recognizance, and today she was taken before Justice Hardy for a hearing.

Mrs. Frank Tracey, who had resided in Decatur for several years, died at her home in Chicago on Saturday. She is survived by her husband and one daughter. The body was taken to White Pigion, Mich., for burial.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dif

The changes that take effect on the Wabash Sunday noon February 7th are as follows: The fast eastern express that left at 10:20 p.m. will leave at 11:20 p.m., arriving at New York and Boston same time as formerly. Train that arrived from Springfield at 10:05 p.m. will arrive at 10:40 p.m. St. Louis local that arrived at 9:10 p.m. will arrive at 8:58. Train No. 6 "The Fast Mail" that leaves here at 5:28 a.m. will be a flag stop, at Sidney thus enabling the traveling men to make Sidney, Homer, Fairmount and Catlin in early morning. Train No. 16 leaving here at 7:40 a.m. for Chicago will arrive at Chicago at 1:10 p.m., ten minutes earlier than formerly.—6-2t

For the above price we will sell the finest shoes for ladies to be found in Decatur. See them in our window. Folrath & Hardy, stylish and reliable foot fitters. Sign of the old cobbler.—26-d&wif

DOVING AND FINE DRY CLEANING.

We will do dyeing and fine dry cleaning at reduced prices for the next thirty days. Now is the time to have your suits of clothes or overcoats dyed, cleaned and pressed by first-class, practical dyers and dry cleaners. You get the best work done in the city at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

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WILL OPEN TO-MORROW.

The Farmers' Institute and Exhibit of Grain and Produce will begin at the Court House Tuesday.

The second annual meeting of the Macon county farmers' institute will open tomorrow afternoon at the court house. The sessions will be held in the circuit court room. At 1:30 o'clock Rev. W. H. Penhaligon will make the opening prayer which will be followed by singing, the music being in charge of E. R. Moffett, Frank Muirhead and Samuel Hopkins. The president, W. H. Bean, will make an address and the principal discussion will be led by W. T. Moffett on the subject, "What are the Most Profitable Crops in Diversified Farming." On Wednesday morning there will be a discussion led by W. H. Bean on "Farm Management," and Mrs. A. Judy will read a paper on "How to Make Money Raising Poultry." In the afternoon there will be papers by F. S. Jack, Dr. J. F. Reid and President John W. Cook of the Normal University. In the evening there will be songs, reading and music. On Thursday T. C. Grady, Prof. E. A. Gastman, W. H. Thresher and Mrs. L. H. Thomas will read papers.

One of the main features of the institute and one which is a new venture is the exhibit of grains and produce which will be made by the farmers of the county. The committee in charge of the exhibits is composed of David Welles, John Walker, S. C. Davis, E. R. Moffett, Charles French and George Betzer. The exhibits will consist of corn, wheat, oats, clover, apples, potatoes, butter, bread, cakes and other farm produce. They will be arranged in the corridors of the court house.

Some of the farmers have fine specimens which they will enter. First, second and third prizes have been offered by the institute besides the special prizes. All articles must be raised or manufactured by the exhibitor. Butter made by creameries and bread made by bakeries will be bartered. The awards are to be made at noon on the second day of the institute and on the third day the exhibits will be sold at auction.

FOUND DEEDS FOR A TOWN.

Old Papers Discovered that May Give Title to Jeffersonville, Ind.

William Litt of Arcola, was looking through some old family relics in a "cast-off" trunk which had been stored with numerous other articles in the attic of his mother's house, recently when he discovered a number of deeds for tracts of land in Indiana, drawn in favor of his father, Demareus Litt, long since dead. The deeds, three in number, call for three 10-acre tracts of land located in Jennings county and near the site of the present city of Jeffersonville, Ind. They are printed on sheep skin and, notwithstanding the fact that the documents all bear dates of August, 1888, are well preserved. The papers all bear the government seal and are signed by ex-President Van Buren.

Mr. Litt says neither himself nor mother knew of the existence of the papers. As soon as the location of the land can be figured, according to the description in the deeds, it is believed that a good portion of the reality is covered by the city of Jeffersonville.

Legal assistance has been employed by the Litt heirs and a strong effort will be made to recover possession of the property.—Tuscarawas Journal.

The Voice of the People.

Editor, Republican: Dear Sirs—It is really amazing to note the unselfish and marvelous activity of those who have never shown any enterprise in regard to the city's prosperity or its development, especially where it involved a contribution, entering their protest against the removal of the public library to quarters as much superior to the present location as a palace is to a rookery thrown together by such means as the exigency of the occasion required. The thorough draft afforded by the many openings from west to east and north, besides the opening which admits the light in the center of the building from the second floor to the ceiling will keep the atmosphere cool and pure.

But they say it is next to the roof, so is so is the Decatur club room. But no one ever realized that the heat of the sun upon the roof never penetrated the rooms. Those who refer to the heat occasioned by the rays of the sun on the roof imagine that it will be like the attic in houses which they live. On the contrary the roof in the Powers building is a massive structure that will not generate heat under it, but on the contrary will be kept cool by the air drafts from four floors.

It will be away from the dust and noise and catch the unobstructed breeze from the west which generally prevails—as well as from the southwest, without the excessive heat of the noon day sun.

Children will not be put in a freight elevator, but in a cage of the most approved make and in which they will be as safe as in their mother's arms.

Those who speculated as to the result of a fire, should have added, and suppose we were to have an earthquake, and the walls were to collapse, the people, if there happened to be any there, would fall four stories.

It appears that the center of the reading population of Decatur is located north of the Wabash railroad. I wish to ask if this takes in Marion? But aside from this, it is dreadful to contemplate the danger that attends the children who are obliged to cross the deadly railroad tracks at any point on the Wabash road Armstrong, No. 200 Prairie avenue.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of J. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—Jan 26-d&wif

Death of Mrs. Mallone.

Mrs. Sadie B. Mallone died of consumption Saturday at her home on West Main street, aged 25 years. She leaves a husband and one child. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Dinner in Church.

While attending service yesterday morning at the First Methodist church, Mrs. Isabel Martin was suddenly seized with an attack of illness. The lady was unconscious for some time and physician in the congregation was called to give her medical attention. She was taken to her home on South Water street.

Take Sick in Church.

Icey Merl, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Florey, died Saturday at her residence at Cuivre, aged 3 months. The funeral was held from the North Fork church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Two young men cleverly captured—tried to break out of jail.

Early Sunday morning Captain Murchison and Officers Armstrong and Holser made a clever capture of two young men named George Stanton and Harry Johnson, who turned out to be wholesale burglars and desperado characters. Marshal Mason had received a tip that a value thought to contain stolen goods had been left at the depot express office for shipment to Chicago by suspicious looking young men. The case was turned over to Captain Murchison. He got a description of the parties and soon located them in a room in the Underwood lodging house near the depot. Both were arrested. Each had a 38-caliber revolver under his pillow, but the officers by quick action got the drop on them. They were searched. They had a variety of valuable articles in their possession—watches, jewelry and trinkets, some with the initial "P" on them, and others with the numbers scratched off. They had a jeweler's tool for doing the work. In the valise at the depot were watches, jewelry, tableware, a lady'sshawl, a fur cap and a lot of valuable goods apparently taken from the house of some wealthy man. Both men had money. They were placed in one of the iron barred cells in the city prison. Later the officers learned that the home of Mr. Plank at Champaign had been entered by burglars Friday night and that a lot of goods had been stolen, followed by the thieves blowing open a safe and then setting fire to the house. Mr. Plank and his family had been in Ohio on a visit and are still absent. Marshal Monson on Sunday had a talk by telephone with Michael Michaels at Champaign, and soon learned from the description of the goods stolen that the parties under arrest in Decatur were the men who had stolen the Plank goods. Michael and State's Attorney Miller of Champaign county, were in Decatur Sunday. They identified the prisoners as having been seen hanging around Champaign several days and it was also easy to identify the goods. Michaels took the two men to Champaign this morning.

Comedy To-Night.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Snow buries this
afternoon; partly cloudy; cooler tonight;
Tuesday, fair; fresh westerly winds.

There is a man in Atchison, Kan.,
whose name is Flinshirt. It is a wonder
that some one has not sent him to Mc-
Kinley.

Tom Watson says Bryan lacks pathos.
Of course he does and he lacks a great
many other things which are essential to
greatness.

An exchange suggests that the governor
of Nevada may reinstate himself to some
extent by refusing to permit the football
game to be played in his state.

The average free silver orator who in-
fested the streets during the campaign did
not come out ground hog day and of
course did not see the sun shine.

Some man who evidently is a free sil-
verite predicts the world will come to an
end March 7. In that case Bryan will
not live to engage in the second battle.

William M. Springer in 1893 wrote a
book entitled "Tariff Reform the Main
Issue." This leads us to enquire: Where
was William and his book in the late
campaign?

An Alabama girl after shooting a fel-
low twice married him. This indicated
that Spain may possibly succeed in inducing
the Cubans to lay down their arms by
butcherling women and children.

Governor Bushnell thinks he is not in
politics for his health, but he should re-
member that many a man has violated
the laws of health unwittingly but that
fact did not operate to ameliorate the re-
sults.

The judges of the supreme court of
Florida draw straws for chief justice.
The law provides this plan and it is not a
bad one either where only one political
party is permitted to exist.

The St. Louis board of health has rec-
ommended that the use of horse flesh
should be discontinued as food. That is
all well enough but if St. Louis does not
hang Deustrow they might as well go on
eating ping chips.

There have been a great many civic fed-
eration movements in the United States
but they all fail because the good citizens
who enter such movements, enthusiastic-
ally, soon tire of giving their attention to
political and fatal issues follows, with un-
erring certainty.

Jack Cade fought his first battle with
lath and was killed in a field by a farmer.
Bryan fought his first battle with wind.
He was not killed by a farmer but was
defeated by them, and was thus left to
kill himself by writing a book.

The anti high theatre hat ordinance in
Chicago has done its work. The law
went into effect last week and the result
is that the high hat which obstructs the
view in the theatre has been banished.
The fact is such an outrage upon human
rights ought to have been corrected with-
out the necessity of forcing it by law.

Some people cannot understand how
Senator Dubois failed of re-election in
Idaho when the state wants for free silver.
It is easy. Dubois left the Republican
party to consort with Democrats who said
they were in favor of free silver and these
Democrats left him. All he has to do
now is to reflect and the more he does of
it the less good it will do him.

General John B. Gordon at the battle
of Gettysburg found General Barlow of
New York wounded and apparently dying
on the field and detailed men to care for
him. He supposed Barlow died. In 1864
General James B. Gordon was killed at
Yellow Tavern, Virginia. Barlow sup-
posed it was the same officer who had
cared for him at Gettysburg, so each
thought the other dead and both were
surprised, a few years ago to meet each
other in New York. So it seems the for-
tunes of war are too great for finite minds
to grasp.

It has been said that when the electoral
vote is opened to be counted objection will
be raised to counting the electoral vote of
South Carolina on the ground that that
state does not enjoy a Republican form of
government. No one will dispute the
allegation but the state that refused equal
rights in this government will sooner or
later reap the whirlwind and South Caro-
lina is to a fair way to gather that kind
of a harvest. Let her alone she will prob-
ably never again be in a position where
her vote will determine the result, and
then she has a commission on shade trees
which hides some of her sins.

Will Deustrow Ever Hang?
For three years the legal fraternity of
St. Louis have been engaged in an effort

to defeat the ends of justice in the case of
Deustrow. He is a murderer and villain.
He killed his own wife and his own child.
It was not necessary to prove that he
committed the crime. There was no
effort even to throw doubt on that fact.
It was a diabolical crime for which there
was not the shadow of excuse. Justice
demanded that he should be promptly
tried, convicted and sentenced. The
crime was committed three years ago and
still he has not paid the penalty of his
crime. He had money. His money em-
ployed attorneys and the attorneys em-
ployed every device admissible in law to
turn him loose upon the public unpun-
ished. These are the things that disgust
the public. Had he been poor he would
have hung long ago. It is unfor-
tunate, as has been clearly shown in this
case that the practice in our courts has
been perverted so that justice may be per-
verted in the name of law.

Woman Suffrage in England.
Chicago Times-Herald: A great vic-
tory was scored by the advocates of wo-
man suffrage in the passage on its second
reading by the English house of commons
of the bill granting women the right to
vote for members of parliament. The
vote of 328 to 157 seems to be decisive and
indicates that it will be but a short time
before women enjoy equal privileges with
men at the ballot box in England.

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With the typical disregard for facts
which marks British parliamentary dis-
cussion of foreign politics, Charles Rad-
cliff Cooke erred when in his speech in
opposition he declared that in Wyoming
and Washington laws granting women
the franchise had been repealed. In
truth, women still vote in Wyoming, as
they have done since 1870, and we have
never heard of any serious movement to
deprive them of their right. Mr. Cooke's
mistake in regard to Washington is prob-
ably due to the fact that the law passed
in that state was declared unconstitutional
by the territorial supreme court.

As a matter of fact, while the cause of
woman suffrage in this country has met
with some rebuffs recently in the east,
New York having refused it in 1893,
South Carolina in 1895 and Massachusetts
in 1894, woman suffrage is constantly
gaining ground. In Colorado, Utah and
Wyoming women have full suffrage and
vote for all officers, including presiden-
tial electors.

But in some form, mainly as to taxation
or the election of school officers, wo-
man suffrage exists in a limited way in
Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana,
Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts,
Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska,
New Hampshire, New Jersey, North
Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South
Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington and
Wisconsin.

In the English colonies women enjoy
limited suffrage, including Australia,
New Zealand, Cape Colony, Canada and
parts of India.

Whenever the women of any state or
nation have been united in their desire to
gain the franchise they have usually gotten
it, and the fact that English women,
who take more interest in politics than
any other women, seem to desire suffrage,
is a good indication that they will get it
before long.

With nations as with individuals, a wo-
man can get what she wants if she tries
hard enough.

Prairie Hall,

George Davidson has been busily em-
ploying a number of teams putting up ice
last week, Charles Lambert of Casner,
furnishing the ice.

Mrs. Sarah Trulock and Miss Martha
Tobill were shopping in Decatur Wednes-
day last.

Mrs. King of Decatur, is spending a
few days with her daughter, Mrs. Daisy
Davidson.

The whooping cough in this vicinity
has subsided and the little folks are again
attending the public schools.

Vera, the little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Weidner, is quite ill with ton-
silitis. Dr. May of Mt. Zion, is attending
her.

Orpha Risk returned Friday from Indi-
ana where he has been spending the winter
with relatives and friends.

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\$3.00.

For the above price we will sell the
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Chicora, Pa., "Herald": Richard Ven-
sel reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
other so-called cures had failed entirely.
Mr. Vinson said it assisted his children
through a very bad siege of measles.
One Minute Cough Cure makes expecta-
tion very easy and rapid. A. J. Sto-
mer & Son and Armstrong Bros.

We have taken the agency for one of the largest
manufacturers of these goods. The "Star and Crescent"
Mills Co. are the acknowledged leaders in this country.
Colors are guaranteed absolutely fast. We quote a few
of these novelties: Bath Towels, in linen or cotton,
Fancy Bibs, Mattress Protectors, Flesh Towels, Complex-
ion Towels, wash Dusters, etc. This week we offer
One case Fine Bleached and Unbleached Towels at.....5c each
20 dozen Fancy Stripes, in fast colors, at.....10c each
95 dozen Fine Face Towels (bleached only) hemmed ready for use.....25c each

See Window on East Main Street.

WAIT FOR "THE BIG STORE'S" SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

THIS WEEK WE BEGIN
OUR...

Annual Sale of High-Class Undermuslins.

We promise a greater aggregation of Dainty Lingerie than has ever been presented to Decatur shoppers. We will
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Dress Linings.

The new super-silk finish Surah
Skirt Lining in black and all fancy
colors. Call and examine.

Carpets...

New Spring Styles showing all the latest
and best colorings and designs are now
ready to be shown. If you contemplate
the purchase of a new floor covering don't
fail to see our line.

Buttons for Spring.

More popular than ever. We in-
vite your inspection of our very
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LINN AND SCRUGGS

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THE BIG STORE

WATER, MAIN &
STATE STREETS.

An Advance Showing of Spring Goods

Which the Ladies of Decatur are sure to appreciate. Don't fail to visit "The Big Store" this week. Opening of New Styles and Fabrics in Every Department.

Choice Dress Goods.

We are daily receiving Fresh Invoices of all that is New and Stylish in Wool Dress Fabrics for the Spring and Summer wear. An advance display of many superb patterns, chic, fashionable and individual effects, which can be found only at the Big Store's counters.

A Few Opening Specials which will tend to open your Pocketbook. Money-Saving in every item.

36-inch Check Suitings, all wool and the latest colorings, such as heliotrope, blue, green, etc.....25c yard
33-inch Covert Cloth, broken Checks, Vigouroux, etc. These goods are all wool and worth 50c yard, for.....35c yard
100 pieces of Wool Fancies. This lot is the product of one of the best American manufacturers, for.....45c yard
27 pieces Dark Colored Novelties, Spring weight. These goods are very nobby and ultra stylish, for.....65c yard
Persian Brocades, Vigouroux, Covert Cloth, Checks and hundreds of other Foreign Novelties, the majority of which are our own importation, for.....75c yard

1897 Wash Fabrics.

We are slow to assert a supremacy of which we are not sure, but here are such goods as we never knew before, such as we believe never before have been presented to the Decatur trade.

They're Organzies, Dimities and the like—though they don't look like it—and they have strange names. They seem to have spent a year in foreign lands and come back to us improved almost beyond recognition. We have many exclusive designs—the prettiest prints of bud and bloom and sprig and spray. Some of the weaves have a web-like appearance; some almost look like Open Embroidery work. We mention a few of the Fashionable Fabrics—French Organzy, Irish Dimity, Tissue Mozambique, Tissue Brodi, Tambou Fantaisie, Etamine Dentale, Rae d'Or, Lappet Muil, Linen Fancies, and Silk and Linen Tissues. To see these dainty Fabrics and Stylish colors is to admire them. This week we offer:

50 pieces Fine Organzies in all the latest printings at.....15c yard
One case Chatillon Stripes—some surprises in fancy prints at.....12½c yd

See Wash Goods Window on East Main Street.

Grand Opening of

Ladies' Spring Wrappers.

500 dozen Ladies' Wrappers, embracing all of the latest Foreign and Domestic Wash Fabrics, made up of this department and are our exclusive styles.

Ladies' Wash Wrappers, in all the New Patterns. Made up in the very latest colorings and new combinations. Westaway back, with new cap sleeves, trimmed over shoulder and across back. Shirred front and fitted lining. Extra full skirt.....OPENING PRICE... \$1.75

Ladies' Cawdric Wraps, new sleeves and collar; perfect fitting; cut full skirt and strap back; a new effect.....OPENING PRICE... \$1.25

Ladies' Wrappers, in Light and Dark Fancies, made up especially for this sale. New sleeves and fitted lining. In all sizes.....OPENING PRICE... 65c



White Goods.

Our 1897 White Goods display surpasses all of our previous good showings. The markets, both foreign and domestic, have been scoured for the latest and cheapest. Our patrons must be the judge as to how well we have succeeded. Our line consists of French Organzy, Paris Muslin, Nainsook, Long Cloth, Jones' Cambries, and a most complete line of Fancies.

We start the Spring season with these special attractions:

50 pieces Plain and Fancy Stripes, Dimities, Swiss and Nainsook, all at.....10c yard

100 pieces India Linon at.....5c yard

50 pieces Fine Indian Dimity at.....18c yard

20 pieces Leno Stripes, Checks and Fancies at.....12½c yd

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Perfect Fitting, Percaline Lined. Full
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at \$1.50 each.The \$3 value we give you your choice
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BLOATER MACKEREL....

Both fresh and salt.

To lovers of this kind of
fish we can say "NONE BET-
TER."

Our Flour Sale

WAS A GRAND SUCCESS,
having sold a carload at \$1.00
per sack, to the benefit of our
customers.

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we will offer you 100
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Tomatoes,

Full standard size, at the low
price of**7½c Per Can.**Every can guaranteed to be
equal in quality to the 10c
goods.Remember this sale is for
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Our Meat Department

IS FIRST-CLASS, with prices within your reach.

Yours, with Up-to-Date Groceries and Meats,

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BOTH TELEPHONES 113.

SAID IN FUN.

Cholly—"I met that girl face to face
last night." De Griffe—"How did she
stand the shock?"—Town Topics."If you kiss me again I will call
mamma." "Well, I don't mind; she is
still a young-looking woman."—Town
Topics.His Favorites—"Grumpy, don't you
like the old songs the best?" "Yes;
those that are so old that they're for-
gotten."—Detroit Free Press."They always call a girl by her first
name in the west. Westerners are so
free and frank." "Yes, and then, too,
a girl's first name is the only one you
can always be dead sure of out there."—
Detroit Journal.A More Serious Case.—Mrs. Watts—
Isn't it a good deal of annoyance to
get your meals at such irregular
hours?" Hungry Higgins—"The irreg-
ular hours ain't so bad as the irregular
days."—Indianapolis Journal.First Amateur—"There is such a dif-
ficult scene in the second act." Second
Amateur—"What is it?" First Amateur
—"The hero tells me that he never loved
until he met me, and I have to look as
if I believed him."—Tit-Bits."I shall hold him in sweet remem-
brance," said the potentate of Bwpklo-
ife could hardly have done otherwise.
Even at home the young missionary
had been spoken of as one of excellent
taste.—Cincinnati Enquirer."Well," said the absent-minded and
new arrival in Hades, as he mapped his
perspiring brow, "there's something to
be thankful for down here, anyway.
Folks won't always be yelling at me to
shut the door."—Baltimore News.Duddy—"I wonder that the Speltons
do not get along together better than
they do. Everybody used to say they
were made for one another." Duddy—
"I'm! So? Well, that's partly true. I
know she made for him the first time
she saw him."—Boston Transcript.

TOLD OF ROYALTY.

Queen Victoria has conferred the
Royal Order of Victoria and Albert upon
the empress of Russia, who has re-
ceived the first class, and upon the second
class has been given.Russia's czarina, a worthy grand-
daughter of Queen Victoria, is fighting
the practice of sucking tobacco prevalent
among the women at the court. She is said also to have shut down on
her husband's allowance of cigarettes.
She is also said to be not so well liked
as she was.It is reported at Berlin that four
royal engagements will be announced
this month: Prince Christian of Den-
mark to Princess Pauline of Wurtem-
berg, Prince Max of Baden to Princess
Feeodore of Schleswig-Holstein, the
Hereditary Prince of Wied to Princess
Ingsborg of Denmark and Prince Al-
bert of Schaumburg-Lippe to Duchess
Elsa of Wurttemberg.Some idea may be formed of what the
Russian emperor has to go through by
the fact that the ceremonies connected
with his coronation eight months ago
have not yet come to an end. Recently
his majesty held another reception at
the winter palace to receive the con-
gratulations of more representatives of
his faithful subjects. Several hundred
persons were presented, comprising 155
different deputations.

WOMAN'S WORLD OF FASHION.

Feathers are lavishly used in hair-
dressing; also stiff bows of lace em-
broidered with iridescent beads or
spangles.The divided pompadour is considered
a very becoming style, and, with the
soft rolls of waved hair on either side,
is a pleasing fashion for those whose
face it suits.There is a steady demand for hosey
with black ankles and feet and colored
tops. The hose are for the most part
ribbed, and some of them have open-
worked stripes.Black and white is extremely fashion-
able, and some of the black and white
brocades are exquisitely beautiful.
Made up with a large mass of white
satin, they are the most elegant of
dresses.One of the most elegant opera cloaks
is made of moire brocade. It is in blue
and gray, and is lined with gray satin,
with an interlining of elder flannel. It
has a collar, cape edging and bands
down the front of gray fox furs.Perfectly straight plaited down the
fronts of dress waists are becoming to
but very few people. There is always
a much more satisfactory effect if the
plait is slightly gathered or drawn in.
It narrows the front and makes more
graceful lines.

MEN OF LETTERS.

For a socialist, and a leader among
them, the late William Morris left a
somewhat inconsistent fortune — over
\$200,000.Mr. William Sharp, the English critic
and author who recently made a short
visit to this country, is very kindly dis-
posed toward American writers, and
makes a point of always giving their
work prompt and careful reviews.The news comes from London that
"poet" has been discovered working
in a rubber factory in the East End and
that "certain benevolent persons" have
arranged to take him from the factory
and give him three years of study.Ibsen and Tolstoi, having begun to
pali on the Parisian public, translators
have brought forward a more northern
and even more realistic literature from
Lapland and Finland, the chief expo-
nents of which are two novelists named
Paravintta and Runenberg.There are many penalties pertaining
to fame. Capt. Mahan, who modestly
asserts that he is not an orator, has
been overwhelmed with invitations to
banquets, receptions, etc., since he won
international recognition as an author,
and wherever he goes he is called upon
for a speech. He has a graceful and
pleasing delivery, and much personal
magnetism.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONSTO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH,
where there are several so-called
"middle class" cheap lands, near Houston
and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level
pasture, most of them new and rich, have never
had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
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fit you with almost any kind of trade. Espe-
cially notice their great opportunities in the
Bayou country. Write us or call and
see the lay-out from Galveston. Write us or call and
see us in Mullkin bank building, Decatur, Ills.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

RAFFINE SISTERS.—Regular meeting of
the Little Temple No. 2, Raffine Sisters,
this (Monday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, sharp,
in new K. of P. Hall, Powers Building, in
new K. of P. Hall, Powers Building, Visiting
members cordially invited. CORA DILLIE
HUNT, M. & R. & C.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Wants to Find Out About Iowa Treasury
Deficit.Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 8.—In the
house Chairman Funk of the ways and
means committee, offered a resolution
this morning for a committee of five to
investigate the receipts and expenditures
in all the state departments for the last
biennial period to discover, if possible,
the cause of the state treasury deficit of
\$400,000. The resolution caused much
excitement in official circles.

KINCLY BUSY TO DAY.

Canton, Feb. 8.—This was one of Mc-
Kinley's busiest days for some time.
Visitors arrived on almost every train
during the day. Among the early callers
were H. H. Kohlsmid of the Chicago
Times Herald, and T. A. Dewees, editorial
writer on the same paper. Dewees
would like to be minister to Mexico.G. M. Reynolds of Des Moines, recently
mentioned for comptroller of the
currency, arrived this morning, but said he
was not seeking and does not expect office.
He was in the east and stopped to see Mc-
Kinley on his way home.R. B. Higby and W. R. Pearson of St.
Louis, called on McKinley and presented
the claims of Major Warner for a place in
the cabinet.IMMENSE PURCHASE OF PRINT CLOTHES.
Fall River, Mass., Feb. 8.—M. C. D.
Borden of New York, today purchased
three quarters of a million pieces of print
cloth and regular weaves, the entire stock
of regular goods in this city. This may
break the agreement for the curtailment
of production by manufacturers.

DECEASED AT THE AGE OF 90 YEARS.

Mrs. E. F. Rourke, grandmother of
Mrs. Ed L. Lux of this city, died at noon
yesterday at her home in Jacksonville, aged
90 years. Deceased lived in Jacksonville
seventy-five years and was the mother of
the first baby born in Jacksonville. At
the time she lived in a log hut and the infant
child was quite a sight for the Indians.
Mrs. Lux leaves tonight for Jacksonville
to attend the funeral.A torpid liver means a bad complexion,
bad breath, indigestion and frequent
headaches. To avoid such companions take
DeWitt's Little Early Reefs, the famous little pills. A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.Two hundred wagon loads of corn were
delivered on Monday in the little village
of Greenview.In Peoria they claim that a flock of robins
made their appearance Wednesday
morning and seemed quite at home in the
scruberry in the suburbs.Owing to hard times the price for shell-
ing corn about Mackinaw has been re-
duced from 80 to 50 cents a hundred
bushels.WANTED.—Canvasser, man or woman; one
competent to take charge of agents pre-
ferred. For interview address J. W. KANAN-
SH, City P. O., transient.

A DRAW CARD.

We want to make THE PRICES a draw card at ou
store this week, to reduce stock.

OUTING FLANNEL at 6c.

10 pieces on sale worth 10 and 12½c, at 6½c yd.

KID GLOVES at 9c.

15 doc. assorted colors of Kid Gloves, worth \$1.50, at 9c

20 pairs Soiled Kid Gloves at 39c pair.

LADIES' SHOES AT 98c PAIR.

50 pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes (odd lots) worth \$1.50
to \$2.00, at 98c pair.

LADIES' GOWNS AT 98c.

10 doc. Ladies' Muslin Gowns, worth \$1.50, on sale at
98c each.

TRAY CLOTHS AND SPLASHERS AT 19c.

One Lot Linen Tray Cloths and Splashers, worth 30 to
50c, at 19c.

DRESSER SCARF AT 39c.

Linen Dresser Scarf, worth 50c, 75c, 85c, cut to 39c.

MEN'S WOOL OVERSHIRTS AT 75c.

Reduced from \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

Boys' Percale Waists (Ruffled) at 25c; worth 50c.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, nicely made, velveteen bound, at \$1.95.

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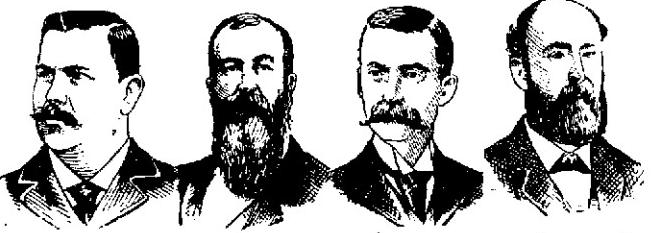
According to their usual custom once each year to give those who have never tried them an opportunity to test their ability to cure Drs. APPLEMAN and PRETTYMAN will upon their coming visit to Decatur,

At the St. Nicholas Hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

—9:00 A. M. TO 6:00 P. M.—

Give FREE Treatment to All the Afflicted.

The patient only required to pay actual cost of medicine purchased.



These doctors are well known to a great many of the chronic disease sufferers in our section as they have been making regular monthly visits here the past two years, and during that time have made many notable cures.

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To Help All. Any chronic sufferer, the disease may call upon these doctors and get the best and known to enlightened men. It is the object of these visits to bring to the treatment and cure of chronic diseases generally the greatest advantage they possess in successfully handling these stubborn seated disorders so prolific of human misery and so destructive to human life.

COME AND SEE US.

No flatter what form of chronic or nervous disease you have, see us. Remember the day and date.

...Tuesday, February 9th, 1897...
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...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

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TOLD BY A TRAVELER.

Peculiar Phase of Life in Bengal and Central India.

The Ancient System of Child Betrothal Still in Vogue—Self-inflicted Tortures of the yogi—The Ever-useful Elephant.

[Special Letter.]

Among East Indian women, especially of the higher classes, it is the custom to contract marriages between children. It is a disgrace for a high-caste girl to attain the marriageable age without being married, and so the child marriage has become the custom. In a Brahmin family the father of a girl is months old begins to look for a husband for her. To make a match he picks out a boy in a family of equal social standing and calls to offer his daughter's hand in marriage. If the

among his relatives and dependents and went away stark naked into the wilds of the Western Ghats to get spiritual light! The Sunyases believe that the true method of obtaining a consciousness of the universal soul (which is God) is to ignore all worldly cares, even the desire for food, clothing and shelter, and to meditate through the years until some day the inner and divine light shall come to him.

One of the most deadly narcotics used in the far east, especially in central India, is hashish, which is an extract of a plant known to the druggist and botanist as Cannabis Indica. A simple tea made of the leaves and flowers of the plant is drunk by young and old, especially at festivals, and is mildly stimulating. The drug itself, however, is smoked in a pipe, with an equal quantity of tobacco, the smoker topping the pipe with a piece of live charcoal. Its first effect is a delirious exhilaration or frenzy, under the influence of which the smoker is liable to commit murder. The Hindoos call the habitual hashish smoker "hastash," the plural form being "hashashin," whence comes the English word "assassin." Strangely enough we go to far-away India for a word to describe the man who, under some maddening influence, commits murder.

The frenzied stage of hashish is succeeded by one of dreamy enjoyment and, if the dose has been strong enough, this is followed by a heavy stupor-like condition which lasts for hours. It is said that a fortnight's indulgence in the hashish pipe will make a lifelong victim, a hashish fiend.

Although the British government has put down the voluntary self-immolation of Hindoo devotees at Jaggerath, where the pious inclined themselves under the ponderous wheels of the processional car of the god Krishna, and has also prohibited the suicide of the widow on her dead husband's funeral pile, it does not interfere with the self-inflicted torture practiced on themselves by the "yogi" and the "fakir." These religious men punish themselves in strange and barbarous fashion to propitiate the goddess Kali. Hook-swinging is a favorite method. A six-inch iron or brass hook is inserted into the muscles of the back and the victim is swung around a pole by the temple attaches, while his shrieks of agony are drowned by the blowing of

father is willing he states how much of a dowry he wants for his son's hand, and such preliminaries being arranged the marriage is fixed, although the young couple may both be infants at the time. If the chosen groom should die before the couple begin to live together the girl becomes a widow, and may never marry again. (This rule applies only to the higher castes, and is not observed by the common people.) On the other hand, the young man, whenever he is left a widower, may marry again as often as he wishes. This custom of child-betrothal is a very cruel one, and a great effort is being made to abolish it. The only plea in favor of it is that there is hardly ever a case of divorce among the Brahmins, for naturally enough, a woman will put up with a great deal from her husband when she knows that she will never be able to get another one.

A queer result of these child marriages happens when the parents of one of the children make a second betrothal for their child. Such a case came up in the Burhamore criminal session two or three years ago. A little girl, six years old, was placed on trial for bigamy with a gentleman aged nine, her first husband still living. The prisoner was married when two years old, and so couldn't plead the lawful seven years of absence from the first husband to justify her crime. Of course, she could not plead at all, the parents being the chief offenders. After a trial of three days the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," and the two children walked out of court hand in hand, wondering, no doubt, what all the fuss and talk signified.

The young married people live with their respective parents until they are of marriageable age, and at the wedding the groom sees the face of his wife for the first time. There are very few divorce cases among the Brahmins, not one in a million, although for good cause the wife will leave her husband and return to her childhood's home. As a rule, however, the Hindoo home is a happy one, the wife gentle, obedient to her lord and master (as was Sarah, the patriarch's wife) and fond of her children.

A curious phase of Hindoo life is the religious hermit, or "Sunyasee." Now

comes the beating of tom-toms,

ELEPHANT LIFTING TIMBER.

coaches and the beating of tom-toms. Less violent but longer torture is reserved to other seekers after immortal happiness. Some pass years holding an arm upright above the head until it becomes impossible to lower it, others remain standing against a tree until they are unable to bend their legs. While these shocking exhibits are becoming less common with the advance of civilization one doesn't have to live long in Bengal or central India without seeing specimens of the tortured "yogee." Oftentimes within 100 yards of the Christian church may be seen the poor little Hindoo temple whose shrine is blackened by the soot from the hundreds of votive lamps.

If you live near any "sacred" city like Benares, for instance, you will be shocked by the spectacle of dozens of yogees, rivaling each other in the hideousness of their dress and the hideousness of their faces, walking, crawling or rolling along the road or prowling about your servants' quarters in search of alms.

No stories or sketches of life in India are complete without a story about that strange resident, the elephant. The pachyderm is very much in evidence, sometimes as a beast of burden, used in the lumber yards, where he handles huge sticks of lumber as if he rather enjoyed pulling and hauling, while, in lighter work, he is employed to carry his native masters, to be gayly caparisoned for holiday processions and to be used by the dominant British instead of the horse to bring the heavy artillery to the parade ground, or assist in moving the tents and other military goods when the regiment is on the march. The elephant is very like a child in some respects. He can be coaxed by petting, by pieces of sugar, and even by promises of future reward. The Hindoo mahout is accustomed to get extra effort from Hooshia Hatti (the wise elephant) by promising it "backsheesh" (reward), and the beast will look for larger and sweeter "chapati" (cakes) at supper time for his backsheesh. Woe betide the mahout if he fails to keep his promise, and forgets the large chapati. The elephant never forgets!

J. IRVING CRABBE

Steel Frames for Churches.
In comparison with the number of new buildings erected for various other uses, the number built for church purposes is extremely small, but among these a considerable number are now built with the steel frame construction so commonly used in the business buildings and the proportion of churches so constructed is increasing. In crowded cities on lots in which the space is limited it saves room as it does in any building on account of the less thickness of wall required, and in large interiors where bulky stone columns might otherwise be used to support arches or domes or roof trusses it permits the use of much smaller columns with a lessened obstruction to the view.



HINDOO COOLIE WOMAN.

and then a man of prominence decides to forsake the world, its pomps and vanities, and to embrace the life of an ascetic, a life of contemplation. While this determination sometimes comes to the worried, anxious merchant, who takes this method of getting rid of his cares and worries, it is just as likely to come to his highness, the rajah. About ten years ago the eldest son of the rajah of Traracore, who was then about 50 years old, wealthy and living in a splendid palace, and of course the chief nobleman in that part of India, suddenly decided to embrace the life of a Sunyasee.

One day he told his friends he was going on a railroad journey and sent his servants and traveling equipage from the palace to the railway station, but he did not follow. He went away into the jungle and was never heard of again by his friends and relatives, except that his religious adviser, the "Gooroo," informed them that his highness had become a Sunyasee. In another instance a wealthy shipowner of Tanjore divided up all his property

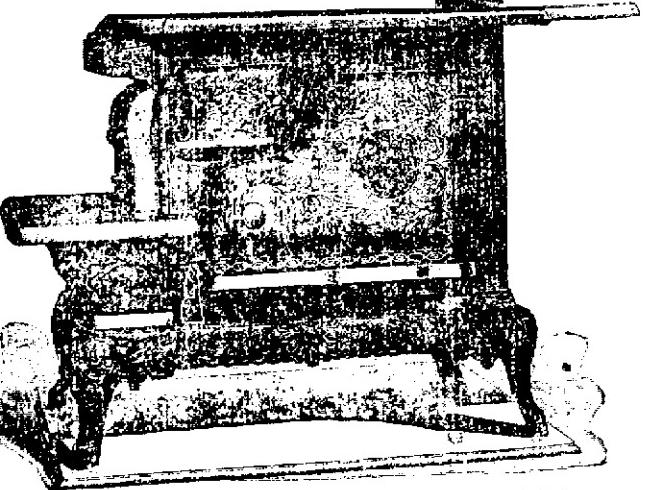
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THE VERSE WRITERS.

The Scarecrow.
Within a farmer's garden is a scarecrow, old and worn, the riddle fashioned image of a man—of arms and tatters, a spectre most forlorn.

The weather-beaten index of a plan.
The winds have raked it, it is black.

The storms have raged against it and the

sun has shone on it, it is black.

It's twisted figure looks grotesquely wild;

With such a wreck no man would

want to come in touch;

It stands alone, abandoned, shunned, re-

viled.

And yet that lowly scarecrow serves a

purpos'd well defined;

It does a work essential to the plan

of him whose is the garden and whose

providence designed.

That it should bear the semblance of a

man—all my life a failure and my years are

well-nigh spent;

But still I hold my post without a fear;

The post must beat upon me—I shall well

come them, content;

To serve my master well who placed me

here.

Frank S. Pixley, in Chicago Times-Herald

Comparative Nuisances.

The girls who pound pianos in a crowded

room very much to answer for in line of dis-

content;

The people who hold dances in some quiet

little flat

have more, indeed, and yet, it seems

there's something worse than that;

The woman who is a singer we may wish

had never been born—but the real isn't in it with the man who

plays the horn.

The children on the stairways, though, in

deed, there be a score.

At least retire early and we hear of them

the people who cook onions still this year

ful vengeance wreak

On rock and lowly neighbors only once or

twice a week;

so of all the woes grievances that leave

us all forlorn.

There's nothing so distressing as the man

who blows the horn.

—Chicago Post.

Clearing Up.

Bees huntin' all creation.

I've them blamed old specks of mine:

DOING THE BUSINESS.

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—John H. Bailey, in Chicago Times-Herald

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Cleaning Up.

Does a little cleaning:

For them old and specks o' rust:

But I do this very mornin'

Since you're in harvest time.

Know not just as us usl-

Or the shelf here, in the cup,

There's goodness!

Can't find nuthin'

When the wimmen

Care things up.

Always puttin' things in order!

Sets in blond a tain' red

When the sun comes—tarnal nation!

Here it is on top o' my head!

I'll do this, I might kn' know it;

So here I tickled the pop.

Bring it funny.

Where the swimmen

Put things when they're

Charin' up?

Milton Bitter, in Up-to-Date.

The Top Shelf.

When I was just a little tyke

My mom and a brother and the like

Was more than I could tell.

At another, blithe, blithe, blithe heart!

Knew how it was herself,

And so she had a blithe, blithe heart

Upon her back.

—Milton Waterman, in L. A. W. Bulletin.

A Bit of Life.

A maiden sat within the door

As many as many times before.

A man to daily toll passed by.

No love nor pleasure till his eye

When he to and the merry song

He whistled as he went along.

A woman by the window wept

For one who in the churchyard slept.

When upon her hearing fell

That time she knew and loved so well,

The flood of burning tears was stayed.

And soon a song her lips essayed.

Her neighbor heard the tender strain,

And so joined the sweet refrain.

Thus, all day long that one song bore

From your suns from door to door.

—Ken J. Denton, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Cheerless.

Let us stop the worry, dear;

Things are coming right;

Sing your heart a song of cheer;

Give your eyes the light.

Look with the bold of heart,

Smile with those that smile;

We'll try to do our part

Yet a little while.

For me but to hide her frown,

When she sees your eye

Dismay with tears and dropping down

Lately passes by.

Meet her look with never a fear;

Soon her eyes will light;

Let us stop the worry, dear;

Things are coming right.

—Boston Post.

To Baby Asleep.

Not keep you, dearest, while the morning

sun

Light up the world and the world is

bright;

And then at last, when the day is done,

God keep you, dearest, through the long,

long night.

God keep you, dearest, when the earth is

gray;

With singing birds and fields in bloom;

When summer's verdure fades away.

God keep you, dearest, through the winter's gloom.

God keep you, dearest, from day to day.

Throughout the life. When I am dumb,

And my fair form turns to clay.

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—C. W. Warman, in N. Y. Sun.

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So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than \$6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$3.25. Ladies' handwelt vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F.H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HEADACHE CURED FOR 10 CENTS AT KING'S DRUG STORE, By using Dr. Hamilton's Headache Tablets. Cor. Main and Water Sts., Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

LOCAL NEWS.

Bucks' White Pine Balsam, congre, colds Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Drink Cool's 25¢ combination coffee.

Joe Ray of Emery, was in the city today.

Leonard Assembly dance this evening at the Armory.

Hon. J. R. Eden and Attorney Walter Ede of Sullivan, were in the city today.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraiture—but—

Ladies' felt slippers 50¢ at Folrath & Hardy's.—25¢ dtwtf

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22nd dtwtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Take the Vandala-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

A trial will convince you that Irwin's harmless headache powders are the best.

The rapid sale of Irwin's Kola Celery compound is evidence of its being a superior preparation.

Men, do you know that you can buy a pair of Edwin Clapp's \$7 enamel cork sole shoes at Folrath & Hardy's for \$5—8-dwtf

The promised drop of 20 degrees in the temperature Sunday night didn't come. It was snowing in Chicago and in Decatur at 7 o'clock last evening.

Hon. W. G. Cochran of Sullivan, department commander Illinois G. A. R., was in the city today on legal business and bound for Springfield to resume his legislative duties.

Kirby May is again in jail for drunkenness. He was recently at the poor house. City life was too rapid for him and drink got him in jail and he is now on the way to another of many sentences for vagrancy.

The certificate of incorporation of the B. S. Tyler & Co. grain firm was filed today. Burton S. Tyler, Thomas A. Bone and Frank L. Evans are the members of the firm. Capital, \$15,000. Tyler and Bone each own sixty shares; Evans, thirty shares.

Saturday night a large audience was at the Grand to enjoy the "Monte Cristo" play given by James H. O'Neill and his excellent company. No other actor can approach the excellence of Mr. O'Neill's work as Edmund Dantes and the Count. It is always a pleasure to see him in his famous role.

Bucklin's Araria Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cut Bruses, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Irritations and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenille and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.

West's Drug Store. Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25¢ Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25¢ Strengthening Plaster.....2 for 25¢

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes. Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20¢.



ANNIVERSARY DAY

Members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Celebrate Their Organization.

EXISTED EIGHTY SEVEN YEARS.

Interesting Exercises Held by Rev. A. W. Hawkins—Luther League Exercises—At Grace Methodist Church.

The members of the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation of this city held exercises Sunday morning in the W. G. T. Hall to celebrate the eighty-seventh anniversary of the organization of the church. The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Hawkins. Music was rendered by a chorus choir accompanied by Miss Ethel Ashmore at the organ, two violins and a cornet. The services opened with a prayer and scripture reading by the pastor. Rev. J. H. Hughes then gave a history of the organization of the church. He explained the grounds which caused the Cumberland Presbyterian church to break off from the old church. The new church was formed by Finis Ewing, Samuel King and Samuel McAdoo, three Presbyterian ministers on Feb. 4, 1810, in Dixon county, Tenn. Mrs. A. W. Hawkins read a paper entitled "1797 to 1897," this being the centennial of revival when the C. P. church was founded. Miss Carrie Henry read a poem entitled "Our Glorious Fourth," referring to the fourth of February as the anniversary of the independence of the church. The pastor, Rev. Hawkins then made an address in which he gave the doctrines of the church and explained the difference between the new and the old Presbyterian churches. The C. P. church has a membership of 200,000 white people and 30,000 colored. The latter have a separate church government and organization. The anniversary services were well attended and the exercises were of great interest to the church members.

Rev. Hawkins and Rev. Hughay will continue with the revival services at the North End Mission at the corner of Broadway and Division street. Services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock. The revivals have been quite successful so far.

Grace Church Chapter Epworth League.

Sunday afternoon at Grace M. E. church, Dr. Gillmore, the pastor, organized Grace Chapter of the Epworth League with seventy members. For the first six months the following officers were selected:

Mrs. Edna Gillmore, president; Mr. Herman Vandine, first vice president; Mrs. G. E. Kenney, second vice president; Miss Eva B. Randle, third vice president; Miss Bertha Kincaid, fourth vice president; Miss Nellie D. Berry, treasurer. These seven with the superintendent of the Junior League, Mr. A. H. Jones, constitute the cabinet. Miss Bertha Gray was appointed organist, and Mrs. Carril E. Jones assistant. Monday evening was designated as the time for the weekly devotional meeting. The new society starts an era of good will and fellowship that foreshadows great success as a result. There will be many additions to the number of members and the tongue will be heard in many ways in public.

The delegated league meeting of Decatur district meets in this church during the year, and will bring hundreds to the annual gathering. Sunday was a red letter day at Grace M. E. mission. The pastor preached a short sermon at 9:30 a.m. and followed with revival services.

There were twenty-four conversions at the altar. There were services held at 3 p.m. In the evening Rev. G. A. Kenney preached to a crowded house. There will be revival services each evening this week.

The Lutheran League.

At the First Lutheran church last evening services were held to celebrate the third anniversary of the organization of the local society of the Lutheran league. J. B. Oakleaf, the state president, was here from Moline, and made the principal address. The pastor, Rev. F. C. Oberly was in charge of the exercises. Music was rendered by a choir composed of Miss Clara Eaton, Miss Minnie Meyers, Miss Little Stoner, Miss Lula Deck, Miss Hallie Kemper, Miss Ella Sether, Miss Anna Naso and Arthur and James Spence. A vocal duet was given by Miss Lula Deck and James Spence. Mr. Oakleaf spoke of the heritage which had been left by Luther and said that the same principles which he had fought for should be held up and handed down by the present generation. In referring to the Luther League he said that it was a society formed for the purpose of bringing the young people of the church more closely together so that they could better understand their work in the church and become acquainted. Mr. Oakleaf's address was quite interesting to the church people present.

At Other Churches.

The new pastor, Rev. Marion Stevens, preached Sunday at the Edward street Christian church.

At St John's Episcopal church Sunday morning special music was rendered by the choir. Miss Ella Beasey sang a solo.

There were no services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms was not held Sunday afternoon on account of the funeral of R. G. Wells.

Personals.

Mrs. I. J. Davis is seriously ill in Chicago.

Attorney John Fitzgerald spent Sunday with his parents near Bethany.

Miss Ella Gladdis, of Kansas City, is in the city visiting Miss Betha Roach.

Miss Minnie Butler is in Champaign visiting Miss Jessie Porterfield of that city.

H. C. Schaub, city editor of the Review, has gone to California where he will visit his sister for a month.

Taylorville Breeze: Misses Stella and Laura Jenkins will return this evening to their home in Decatur after a visit with Taylorville friends.

Miss Irene Shellabarger, who has been ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shellabarger on North Water street, is improving.

Sales of Real Estate.

John S. Vredenburgh to Edward R. Ulrich, the northwest quarter of section 20, 16, 1 west, the north half of the northwest quarter of 30, 16, 1 west; the east half of the south half of the east half of the northwest quarter of 19, 16, 1 west in Macon county in all 340 acres, consideration \$1.

Charles M. Ulrich to Edward R. Ulrich, the northeast quarter of 20, 16, 1 west containing 60 acres; the north half of the southeast quarter of 20, 16, 1 west containing 80 acres; the west half of the southwest quarter of 21, 16, 1 west containing 80 acres, and containing in all 320 acres, \$16,250.

F. J. Gepford to Samuel Weaver, the undivided one-seventh interest in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 21, 17 and the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of 21, 17, all in range 2 east, \$600.

Funds Left Over.

The members of the executive committee of the Holiday club wish to announce to the members of the organization that there was an amount of money left over from that which had been paid to the three entertainments this winter. The money when divided among all the members will amount to 8 cents each. The amount due each member will be paid if they will call tomorrow morning at the home of Miss Lillian Croa. If the money is not called for it will be given to the Needlework Guild to assist in carrying on the church work.

The Contest at Danville.

The Republican primaries for the judicial delegates in Vermilion county were held Saturday, and resulted in the delegates being instructed for Judge Thompson, who defeated Judge Bockwalt. Now the contest in the convention in Decatur on Feb. 24 will be between Judge Vail, Judge Wright, Judge Thompson and Judge Dunn. Only three judges are to be nominated. Vail and Wright will surely win. The name of the third man is in doubt.

Lincoln Memorial Day.

There will be literary and memorial exercises at the G. A. R. Post hall Friday evening, Feb. 12, in memory of Lincoln's birthday anniversary. The Grand Army Post, the W. R. C., the S. V. and members of the ladies aid society are especially invited to be present. It will be an open meeting. All invited.

Lost.

Somewhere on West William street between North Main and North Pine street on Saturday evening a cut glass vinaigrette with the initials "B. H." engraved upon the top. A reward will be paid for its return to the Republican office. —8-dtf

All About Electricity.

The Y. M. C. A. is pleased to call attention to the lecture on electricity, illustrated by experiments by Prof. Louis Favour. The many practical applications of this force in recent years in connection with ocean cables, electric lights, telephones, motors, electrocution, and innumerable others has aroused a wide-spread interest in this subject. This, with the immense possibilities of electricity in the near future as applied to railroads, transmission of power, aerial navigation, etc., has created a desire on the part of the general public to know something of, and to understand the workings of this mysterious force.

We realize that in order to popularize the subject and hold the attention of the average audience, technicalities and dry details must be avoided and that instruction to a popular audience must be given in an entertaining and even an amusing manner. This is Prof. Favour's forte, and he is alone in this field.

The elaborate and costly display of electrical apparatus, machinery and working models that he uses was designed by him and constructed especially to attain this happy combination, and the large number of interesting experiments performed at frequent intervals during these lectures sustains the interest and enthusiasm from beginning to end and precludes the possibility of dullness. As an experimenter and manipulator Prof. Favour is unsurpassed.

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Opera house Friday night, Feb. 12. Reserved seat opens Wednesday morning at opera house pharmacy. —8-dtf

THE DEATH RECORD.

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ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE

Mrs. Catherine Kramer, Who Has Lived in Decatur Over Thirty Years, Passed Away This Morning at the Home of Her Son, A. Kramer.

Miss L. Carrie Close died this morning at 3:35 o'clock at the Griswold residence on West Main street, aged 73 years. She has been an invalid for twenty years and had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks.

Miss Close came from Albion, N. Y., to this city in 1833 and made her home with her sister, the late Mrs. C. L. Griswold. Owing to her poor health she lived a retired life but was well known by many persons in the city and was highly esteemed lady. Since the death of Mrs. Griswold she has made her home with her niece, Miss Carrie Griswold. She leaves a brother, J. A. Close of San Jose, Cal., and two sisters, Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Mrs. J. H. Parker of Davenport, Iowa. She was a sister of the late Mrs. C. E. Roberts and Mrs. C. L. Griswold.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, will conduct the services and the remains will be taken to the old home of the deceased at Albion, N. Y. They will be accompanied by C. L. Griswold and Miss Carrie Griswold.

Death of Mrs. Kramer.

Mrs. Catherine Kramer died of the grip at 6:30 a.m. today at her home at the corner of North Main and Corro Gorda streets, aged 98 years. The deceased was one of the old settlers of the city having lived here for the past thirty-three years. She had been in fairly good health but about a week ago she was seized with an attack of the grip and never recovered.

The maiden name of the deceased was Katherine Harmon. She was born in April, 1808, at Lancaster, Ohio, and was later married to George Kramer. She came to this city in 1864 with her husband who died about two years later. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive her. They are A. Kramer and Isaac Kramer of this city, and George Kramer of Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Kramer has been a member of the United Brethren church